



GREEN BANK DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

GREEN BANK HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT SONG

DEAR GREEN BANK HIGH SCHOOL, WE LOVE YOU,
AND TO YOUR COLORS WE'LL E'R BE TRUE,
YOUR COLORS STAND FOR FIGHTING STUDENTS
AND THIS IS WHAT THEY SAY —
'RAH FOR GREEN BANK HIGH SCHOOL,
BLUE IS THE COLOR FOR LOYALTY
GOLD STANDS FOR SPORTS PURE AND CLEAN,
WE FIGHT TO WIN, AND WE LOVE OUR FELLOWS,
DEAR GREEN BANK HIGH SCHOOL TEAM!

(FOLLOWED BY 15 RAH'S AND TEAM! TEAM! TEAM!)

PROGRAM

6:00 The Gathering

7:00 Welcome

REUNION

Invocation

GREEN BANK HIGH SCHOOL

Dinner — Served by School Committee and Faculty

Class of 1949

Recognition of Special Guests

In Memory of ARBOVALE COMMUNITY CENTER

School Song

June 30, 1984

This is Our Life

Covers from Absent Class Members

Class Reunion—

A time to compare

Thickening of waist and thinning of hair.

A time to ignore any defects of aging

And keep looking affluent, bright, and engaging.

A time to allow the old ego trip,

Recalling achievements at a remarkable clip.

A time to appease curiosity and hunger

For old friends.

And note how you've stayed so much younger.

A time to say farewell with pangs of sweet sorrow

And dream loving memories until it be 'morrow.

—Anonymous

P R O G R A M

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7:00 Welcome

Invocation

Dinner -- Served by Shirley Carpenter and family

Recognition of Special Guests

In Memoriam

School Song

This Is Your Life

Letters from Absent Class Members

Poem -- written by Ernestine Clarkson
read by Joyce Hamrick Perando

Presentation of Gifts

Poem -- Joyce

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days of Auld Lang Syne?

For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For Auld Lang Syne.

And here's a hand my trusty friend, And gie's a hand o' thine;
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.

For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For Auld Lang Syne.

Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins. He had returned to his home Sunday afternoon at Cass after several weeks in a New York hospital.

Born October 10, 1904, he was a son of the late Rev. Harry and Lulu Burner Blackhurst.

A Pocahontas County Court Commissioner, he was a member of the Cass United Methodist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher, the Riverside Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Cass and the Durbin Lions Club.

Mr. Blackhurst retired after 32 years as a teacher in Pocahontas schools to write, and authored four books, *Riders of the Flood*, *Of Men and a Mighty Mountain*, *Sawdust in Your Eyes*, and *Mixed Harvest*, all dealing with the lumber industry in the early 1900's around Cass and "his" Cheat Mountain. He was a skilled taxidermist, and his collection of animals made a most interesting museum at Cass. He was called upon to tell the history of the early logging as commentator on the Cass Scenic Railroad.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth McLaughlin and Mrs. Alice Fall, and one brother, Theodore Blackhurst.

Survivors include his wife; Mrs. Stella Yates Blackhurst; and seven brothers, Allen Blackhurst, of Arbovale, Henry Blackhurst, of Belle, William Blackhurst, of Rand, Victor Blackhurst, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, Homer Blackhurst, of Bryan Texas, Francis Blackhurst, of Louisa, Virginia, and Harold Blackhurst, of Welliston, South Carolina.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Cass United Methodist Church by the Rev. Kenneth Montgomery, with burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Thomas High School from 1960 until she retired in 1974, died Wednesday, March 10, 1976.

She was a resident of 56 Topsail Trail, Gulf Harbors, New Port Richey, Florida, where she moved a year ago from St. Petersburg.

A native of Pittsburgh, she was a member of the National Retired Teachers Association and attended St. John's Catholic Church, St. Petersburg Beach.

Survivors include a son, Dr. John Ligon Coyner, Fairmont; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Anne Chambers, New Port, Richey, Florida, seven grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Donations may be made to the Rosemary Coyner Memorial Fund at Dixie Hollins High School.

Mrs. Coyner lived in Clover Lick for several years and taught in both Green Bank and Marlinton High Schools. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Ligon Coyner.

A memorial service was held in St. Petersburg March 18th and graveside service will be in Clover Lick Cemetery at a later date.

1983, in an Elkins hospital after a long illness with cancer.

Born June 13, 1911, at Arbovale, he was a son of the late Squire Joseph Riley and Lu Elza Sutton Riley.

Mr. Riley was a life-long resident of Pocahontas County, a member of the United Methodist Church, and the Masonic Lodge at Cass. He was a retired school teacher with 36 years of service and was a former member and president of the Pocahontas County Board of Education. He was a tour guide for the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Flynn Riley; a daughter, Donna Jean DePue, of Athens, and a son, Edward L. Riley, of Mill Point; a sister, Sylvia Riley Bowles, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; a brother, Gus Riley, of Morgantown; and four grandchildren.

A brother, Ivan Lee Riley, preceded him in death.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Arbovale United Methodist Church with Rev. Edwin Tutwiler officiating. Burial was in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Mrs. Flora Gum, Ex-Teacher, Dies

Mrs. Flora Lee Gum, 34, a former teacher at South Charleston, died Monday night in a Bethesda, Md. hospital after a long illness.

She was a resident of 1609 King St., South Charleston, and had taught school in Kanawha, Lewis and Pocahontas counties before illness forced her to retire. She was a graduate of West Virginia University.

Mrs. Gum was a member of the South Charleston First Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Austin; a sister, Mrs. Mary McFarlane of Elliott City, Md.; a brother, Orian Lee Post of Clarksburg; and her mother, Mrs. Gladys Marts Post of Clarksburg.

The body will arrive at the Barlow - Bonsall Funeral Home Wednesday.

FLORA LEE POST
MARRIED TO AUSTIN
JONES GUM ON NOV.
22, 1951 AT
CLARKSBURG, WVA

The cause will probably never be known but death grasped the wheel of another automobile about midnight last Friday, February 26, 1954, and claimed two more victims.

While returning to their home near Green Bank, Arnold Galford, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Galford, and Charles Lacy Pugh, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoxie Pugh, met their deaths when their car went off the road and crashed headlong into a tree. According to reports, Galford was dead when taken from the car but, hoping they were wrong friends rushed him and the Pugh boy to the hospital in Marlinton. Upon arrival, Galford was pronounced beyond mortal help. Charles Pugh succumbed to his injuries several hours later after valiant efforts of doctors to save him.

The accident happened on Route 28, about 1/4 mile south of Brown Beard's and just about opposite Governor's Pond. The car, reportedly owned by the Galford boy's father, was said to be a total loss.

On Monday afternoon a double funeral was held from the Green Bank Methodist Church in charge of the pastor, Rev. Okey Cooper, assisted by Rev. Quade Arbogast and the Rev. Mrs. C. W. Winkler. Interment was in Arbovale cemetery under the direction of Wallace and Wallace and Smith Mortuaries.

Hundreds gathered for the last rites of the two young men in what is said to be one of the largest funerals ever held in Potomac county.

Besides his parents, Charles Pugh is survived by his wife, Mrs. Faye Moore Pugh; two children, Donita and Charles Lacy Jr.; and two brothers, Thornton, of Charleston and Frantz, of Elkins.

Arnold Galford's parents survive along with seven brothers and a sister. They are, Berlin, Clarksburg; Sam, U. S. Army, stationed in Alabama; Margaret, Baltimore, Md.; Kent Jr.; Dickie, Clark, Bobby, and David, all at home.



452ND BOMB WING, Korea—Corporal Arnold R. Galford, of Green Bank, is known to pilots and crewmen of the Fifth Air Force's 452nd Bomb Wing as "The Voice." Galford is a control tower operator at the 452nd's busy Korean airstrip where its B-26 "Intruder" light bombers fly day and night interdiction and close support missions against the enemy in battered North Korea. The 452nd recently flew its 5,000th combat sortie in Korea and has already passed its first anniversary of active duty. Cpl. Galford is responsible for directing the United Nations aircraft to and from the 452nd's home base with a maximum of safety. He symbolizes the importance of the "behind the scenes" airmen to the overall operation of a tactical air war.

Fatal Accident

On last Friday night two young men, Arnold Ray Galford, aged 22 years, and Charles Lacy Pugh, aged 25 years, were killed in an automobile wreck near Bartow. Young Galford was instantly killed and Pugh died a few hours later from his injuries. They were the only occupants of the car. The car left the road and struck a tree.

On Monday afternoon the bodies of the victims were laid in family plots in Arboreale Cemetery. After a double funeral service was held from Green Bank Methodist Church.

Mr Galford is the son of Mr and Mrs Kent Galford. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr Pugh is the son of Mr and Mrs Hoxie Pugh. He was married and the father of two children.

Arnold Ray Galford

Arnold Ray Galford, aged 22 years, was killed in an automobile accident near Bartow, on Friday night, February 26, 1954. On Monday afternoon, the funeral service was held from Green Bank Methodist Church by Rev. Quade R. Arbogast and Rev. Mr Cooper. His body was laid in the family plot in Arboreale Cemetery.

The young man is the son of Kent and Leone Sheets Galford. He was a graduate of Green Bank High School, class 1949, and a veteran of the Korean War. He recently returned home after four years in the Army.

The young man is survived by his parents, and the following seven brothers and a sister: Berlin, of Clarksburg; Samuel, of the Army; Margaret, of Baltimore, Maryland; Kent Jr., Richard, Clark, Robert and David, at home.

Mrs. Mary Arlene Curry
Fitzgerald, 51, of Washington,
D. C., formerly of Durbin,
died Wednesday, February 17,
1982, in Bethesda, Maryland,
after a long illness.

Born on April 21, 1930, she
was the daughter of Mrs.
Virgie Nottingham Curry, of
Durbin, and the late Harry
Curry.

She was a 32-year resident
of Washington and was em-
ployed as a manager of Weav-
er Brothers Real Estate Agen-
cy.

In addition to her mother
she is survived by her hus-
band, Roy L.; stepdaughter,
Mrs. Hilda Shelton, of Mar-
licton; stepson, Raymond L.,
of Bladensburg, Maryland;
sisters, Mrs. Maxine Lantz, of
Durbin, Mrs. Opal Moore, of
Hughesville, Maryland, Mrs.
Georgia Nelson, of Texas, Mrs.
Julia Mace, of Cumberland,
Maryland, Mrs. Eloise Hinson,
of South Carolina, Mrs. Sandra
K. Mullenax and Diana Curry,
both of Hagerstown, Maryland;
brothers, Leonard Curry, of
Pennsylvania, Franklin Curry,
of Durbin; five grandchildren;
one great-grandchild; 17 nieces
and 24 nephews.

Services were held at 11
a. m. Saturday in Wallace and
Wallace Funeral Home, Arbo-
vale, with the Rev. Donnie
Curry officiating. Burial was
in Curry Cemetery, Back
Mountain Durbin.

Mary Arlene Curry
married Roy Luther
Fitzgerald on Dec.
19, 1959 at Rockville, Md.

THELMA MARIE VARNER GEORGE

Thelma Marie Varner born March 25, 1931,
daughter of Glen and Lillie Alice Varner
of Durbin. After graduating from Green
Bank High School, she attended nursing school
at Clifton Forge, Va. After she graduated
from nursing school, she married Dempsey
George, a Nazarene minister. With her hus-
band and family, she lived in Beckley, WV;
Webster Springs, WV; Kansas City, Mo and
Burlington, MO. While living in Burlington,
she was diagnosed as a cancer patient. She
died January 30, 1966, leaving her husband,
5 children (one son and five daughters), her
parents and sister, Evelyn. Burial was in
Charleston, West Virginia.

HIGH SCHOOL DREAMS
Ernestine Clarkson

It has been 35 years since we walked down that aisle,
In cap and gown -- trying our best to smile.
And to hold back the tears,
With all our frustrations and fears.
The Class of 1949 -- We were all so young, our whole lives ahead,
By the sweat of our brow, we must earn our bread.
Out into the world on our own,
All at once, we felt so alone.
But that was a long time ago, that we went our separate ways,
But we never once forgot our happy carefree high school days.
Tonight we are together for the second time - from so many places,
All happy to be here with bright smiling faces.
The excitement of getting together with old classmates -
Nothing can compare.
Memories and experiences, there is so much to share.
The older we get the more a class reunion means -
Perhaps we haven't fulfilled all those high school dreams.
But time passes on and we must face the fact -
We're the older generation.
May each of us meet that challenge
With the firm determination
To live each day to the fullest,
Love one another and enjoy each other as we are doing tonight.
May the rest of our lives be happy, productive and bright.
We will say farewell tonight with a pang of sorrow,
But with a heart full of fond memories,
Till we meet once more some other tomorrow.

GREEN BANK HIGH SCHOOL
Ernestine Clarkson

Our old High School building still stands,
Deteriorating, condemned, so lonesome and bare.
The place we spent four years of our lives -
And they were happy years there.
Now the old school building - like us, is kinda' falling apart,
But it still holds a very special place in our heart.
We remember the good times -- forgot the bad -
In all honesty, we'd all have to agree
They were the best times we ever had.
Just remember this -- it's true to the letter,
Shucks! We're not getting older,
We're just getting better!

REMEMBER THIS: JUNIOR CLASS FLOAT

Homecoming 1948



In Carriage: Joel Breitenhirt, Driver; Mildred Michael, passenger
Standing, left to right: Gertrude Blackhurst, James Nottingham,
Jeanette Rankin, Eleanor Shields, Maxine Vandevander, Arnold Galford,
Keith Gum, Mary Miller, Peggy Taylor, Betty Orndorff, Mildred Tracy,
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